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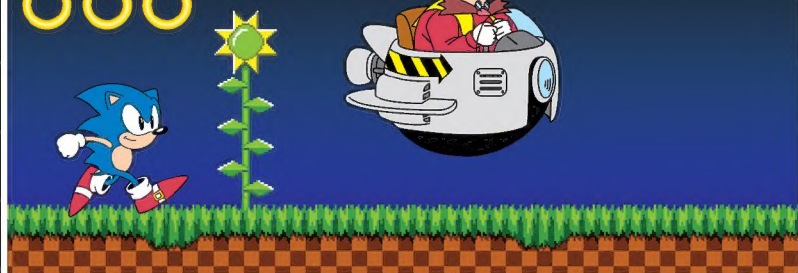
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CONQUERING GENIUS



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RIDING ON
DR. EGGMAN'S COATTAILS.

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SCRAP BRAIN ZONE,
SOUTH ISLAND...

WOO!
FINALLY--SOME
CHALLENGE!

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Part One: WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

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I'M SO GLAD YOU APPROVE!

I'M NO CONTRACTOR, BUT THIS PLACE DOESN'T LOOK UP TO CODE, DOC!

AGREED! WHY, JUST LOOK AT THE *RODENT* INFESTATION!

HA! I'LL MAKE YOU EAT THOSE--



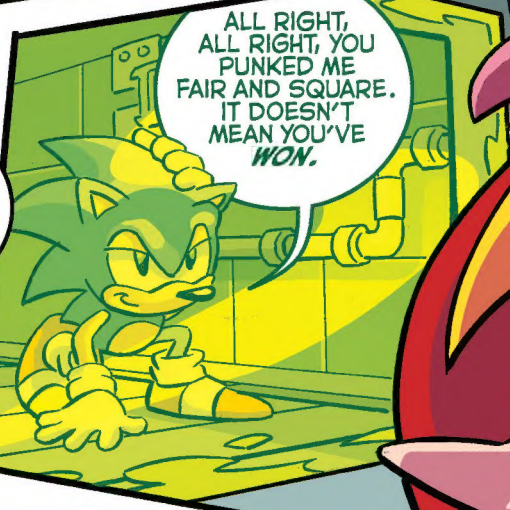
AHH... THAT WAS SATISFYING!

IT WORKED!



WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? OF COURSE IT WORKED!

NO OFFENSE, IVO, BUT WE HAVEN'T HAD A LOT OF SUCCESS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS...



ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, YOU PUNKED ME FAIR AND SQUARE. IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU'VE *WON*.



NEITHER HAVE YOU, *BOY*. I'LL GRANT YOU THAT MY MINING EFFORTS HAVE BEEN PUT BACK QUITE A BIT...

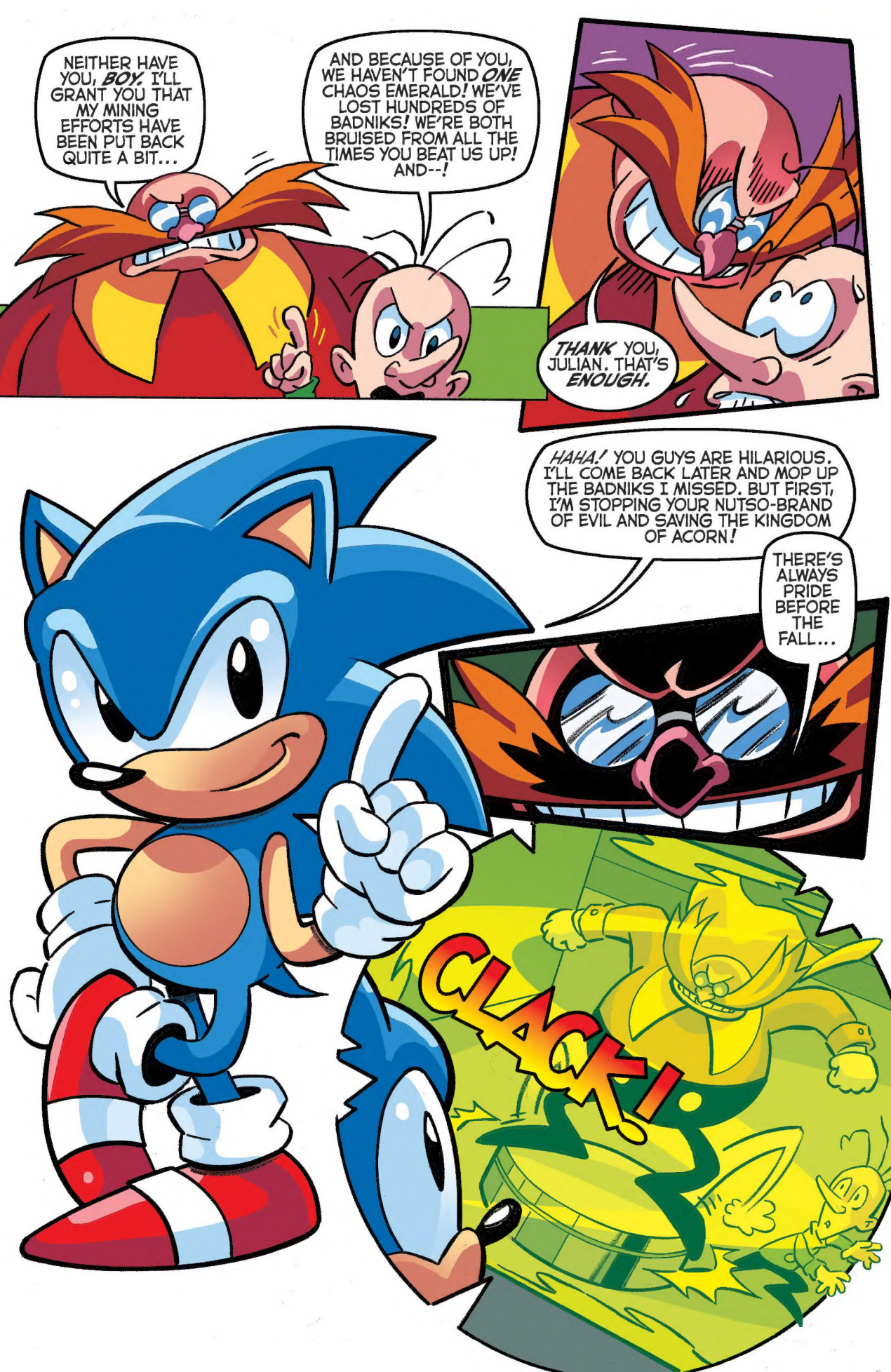
AND BECAUSE OF YOU, WE HAVEN'T FOUND *ONE* CHAOS EMERALD! WE'VE LOST HUNDREDS OF BADNIKS! WE'RE BOTH BRUISED FROM ALL THE TIMES YOU BEAT US UP! AND--!

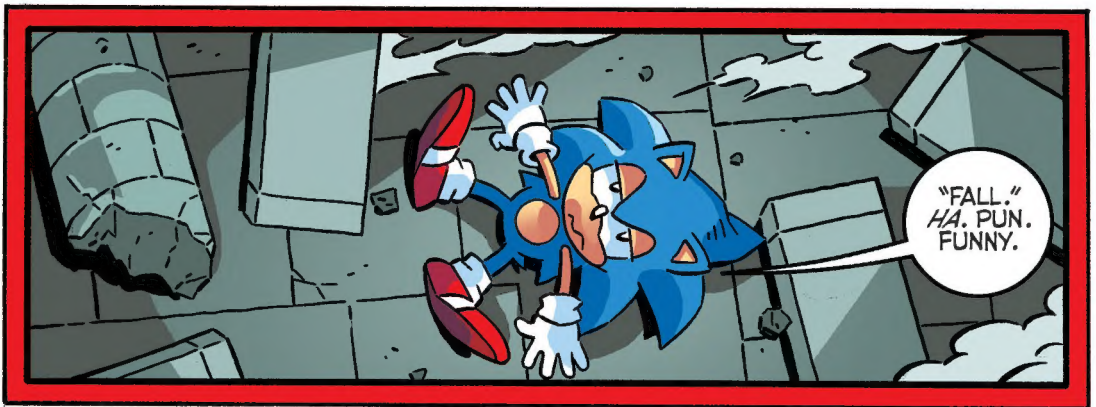
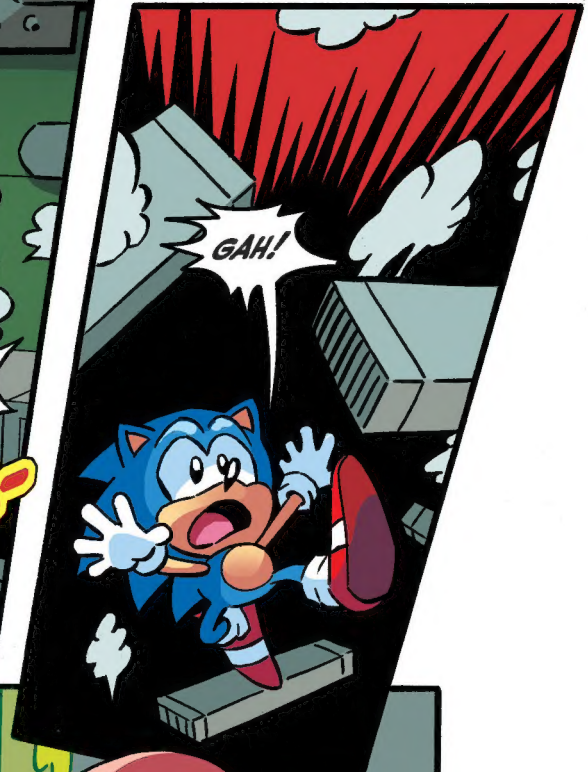
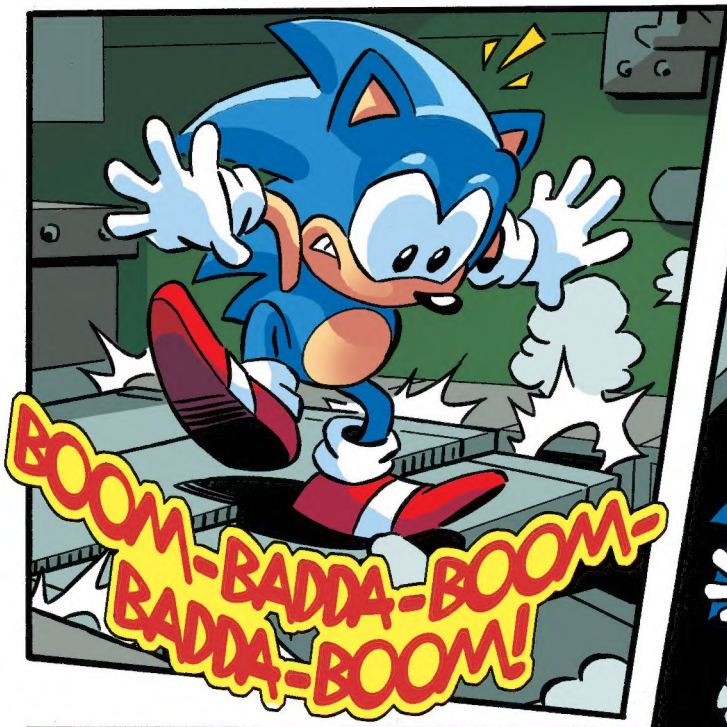
THANK YOU, JULIAN. THAT'S ENOUGH.

HAHA! YOU GUYS ARE HILARIOUS. I'LL COME BACK LATER AND MOP UP THE BADNIKS I MISSED. BUT FIRST, I'M STOPPING YOUR NUTSO-BRAND OF EVIL AND SAVING THE KINGDOM OF ACORN!

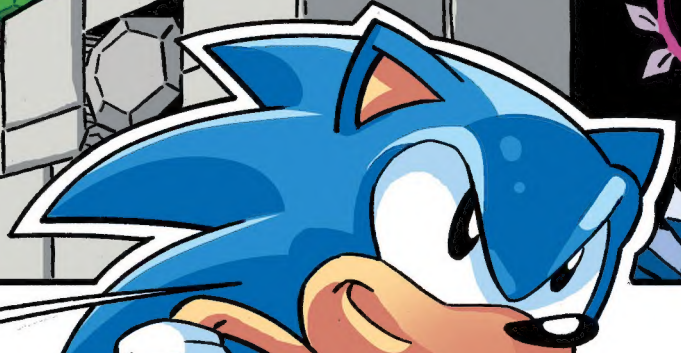
THERE'S ALWAYS PRIDE BEFORE THE FALL...

CLACK!

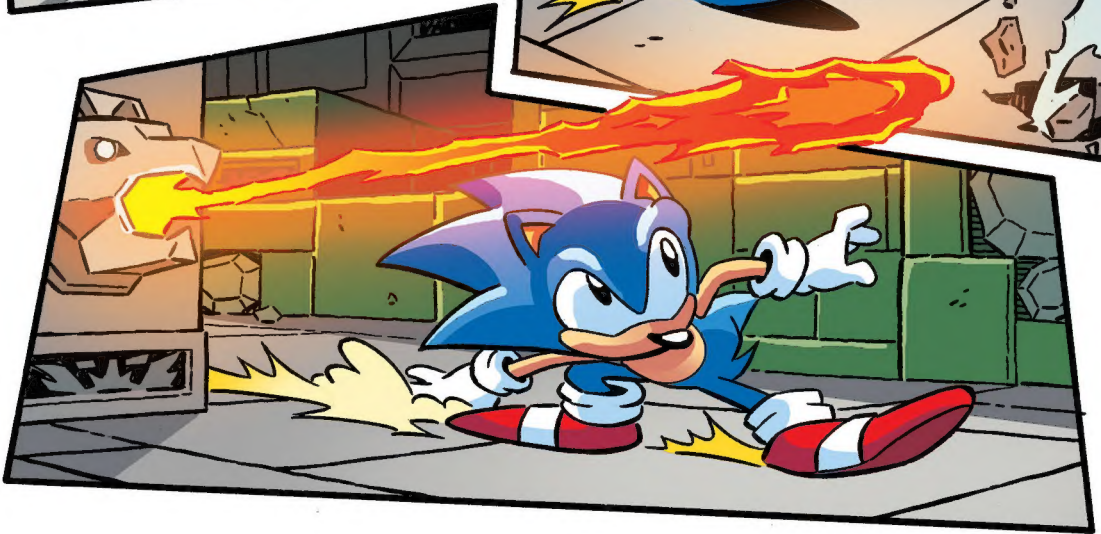
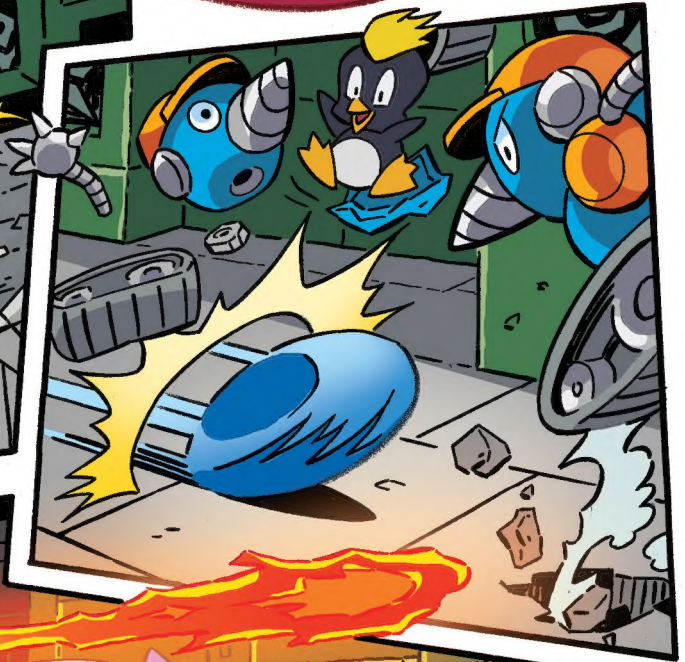
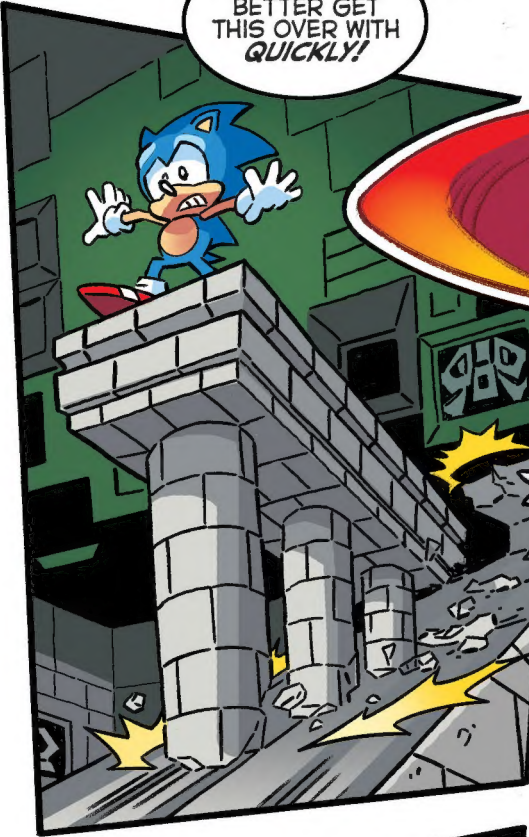


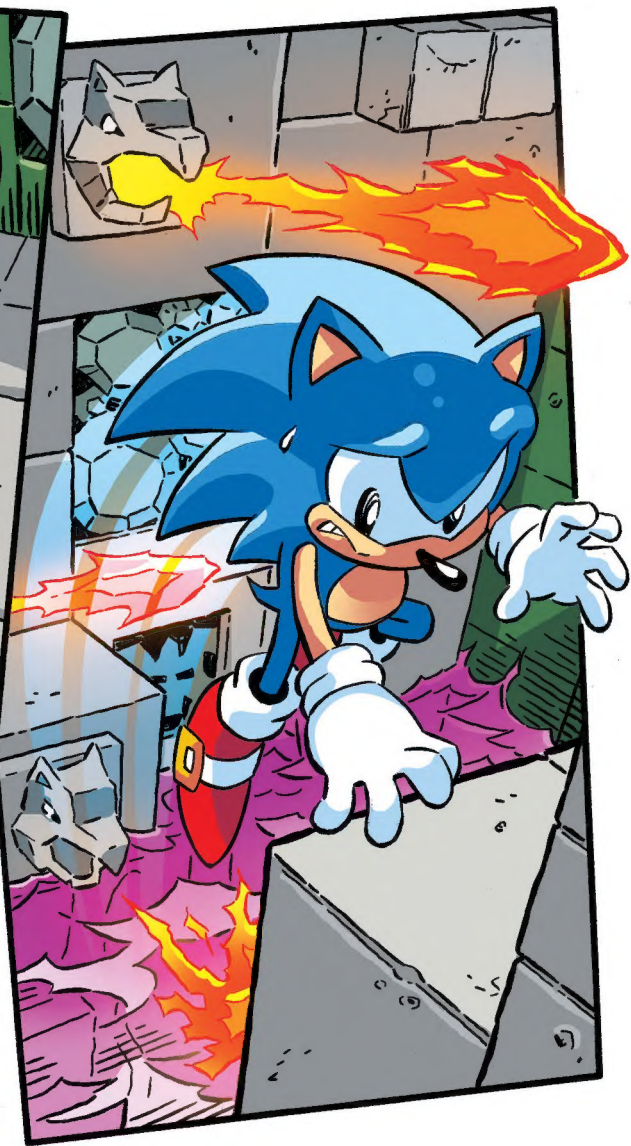
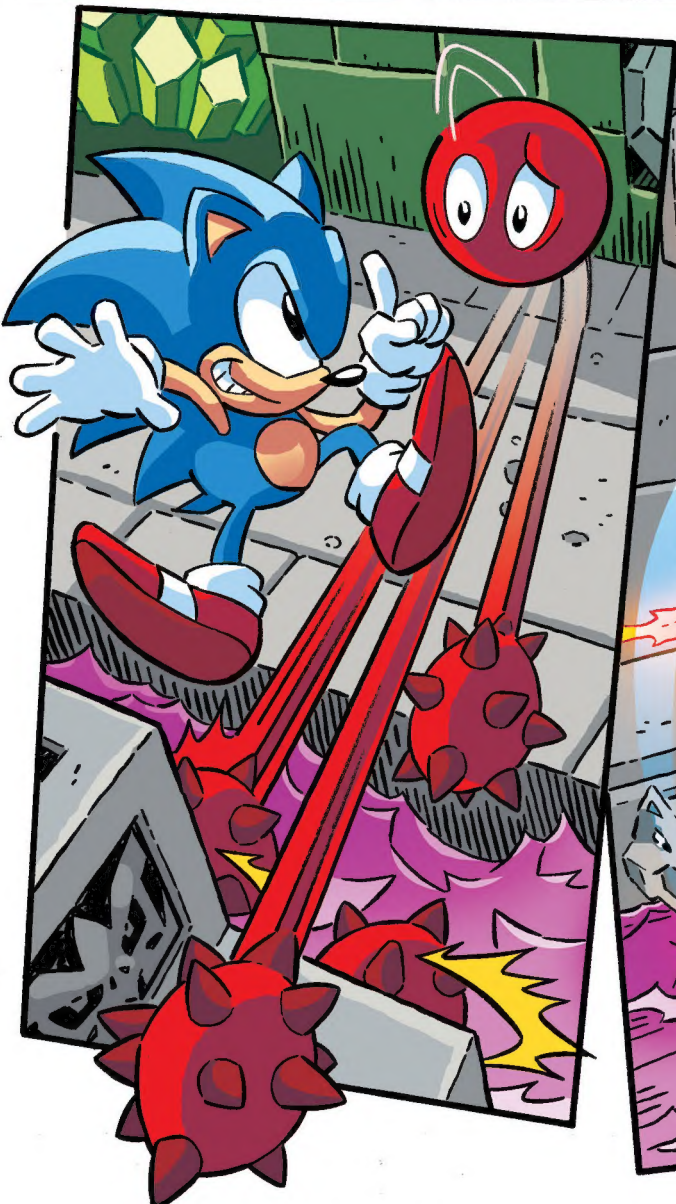
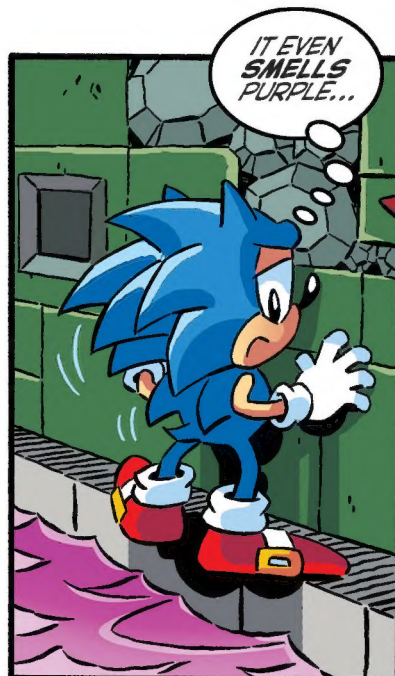


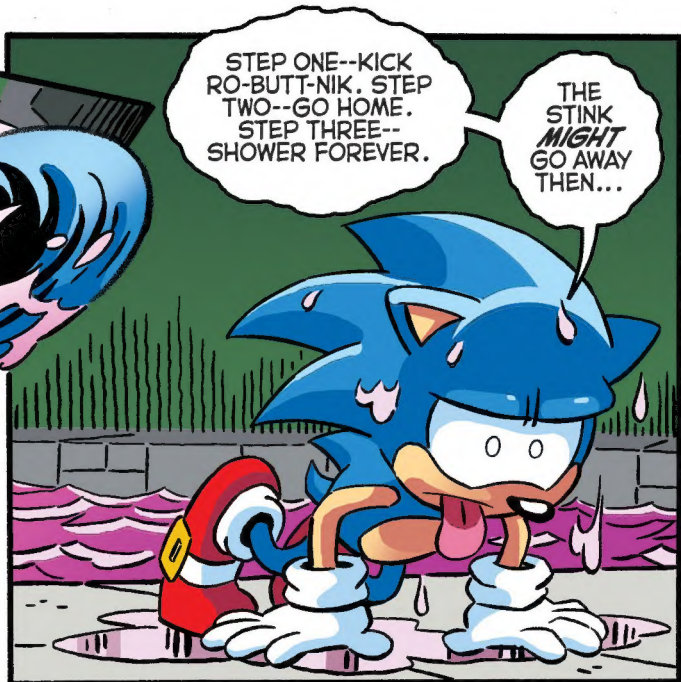
GREAT.
ANOTHER
ONE OF
THESE
PLACES.



SO I'D
BETTER GET
THIS OVER
WITH
QUICKLY!

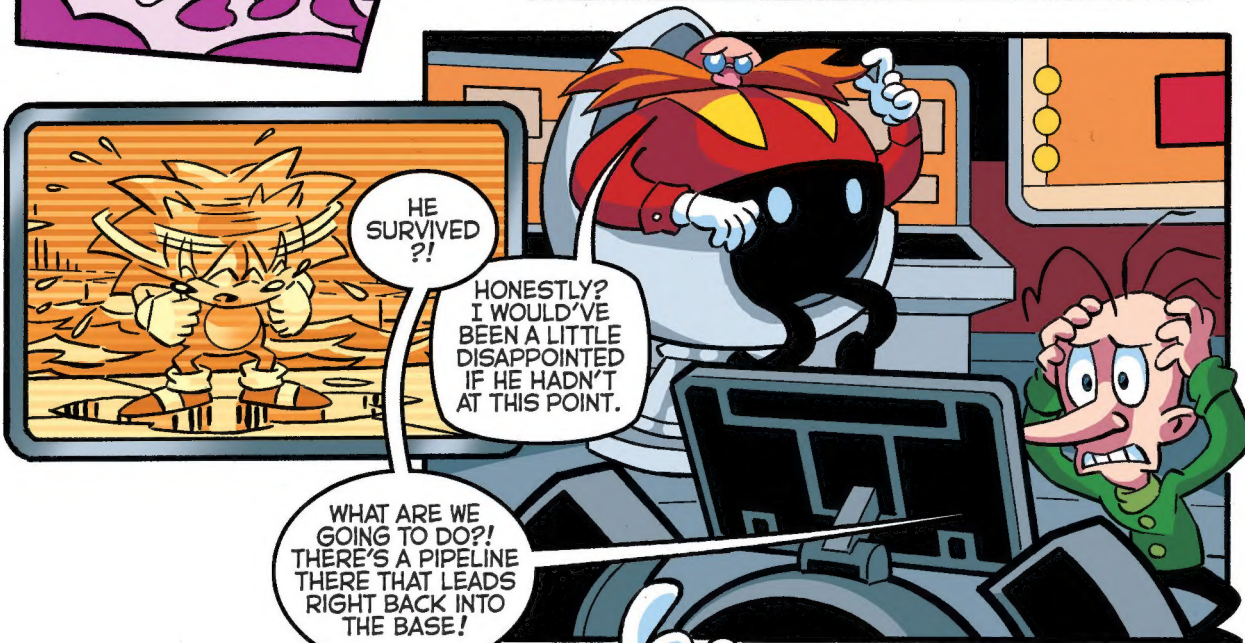






STEP ONE--KICK
RO-BUTT-NIK. STEP
TWO--GO HOME.
STEP THREE--
SHOWER FOREVER.

THE
STINK
MIGHT
GO AWAY
THEN...



HE
SURVIVED
?!

HONESTLY?
I WOULD'VE
BEEN A LITTLE
DISAPPOINTED
IF HE HADN'T
AT THIS POINT.

WHAT ARE WE
GOING TO DO?!
THERE'S A PIPELINE
THERE THAT LEADS
RIGHT BACK INTO
THE BASE!

WE'RE GOING
TO SQUASH THAT
HIGH-OCTANE
HEDGEHOG ONCE
AND FOR ALL!

WITH WHAT--?
OH! OH... BUT
THOSE THINGS
MAKE ME
NAUSEOUS...

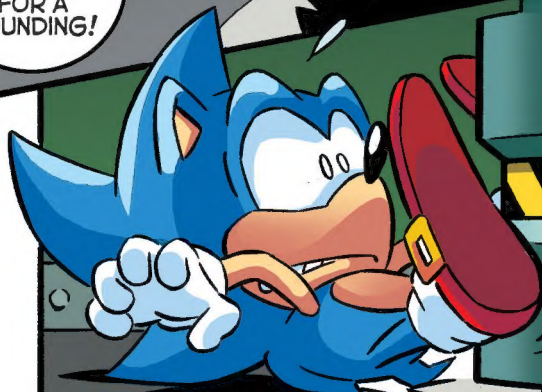


NEVER THOUGHT
I'D BE HAPPY TO
SMELL OZONE
BURNING. THERE'S
GOTTA BE A WAY
BACK NEAR
HERE...

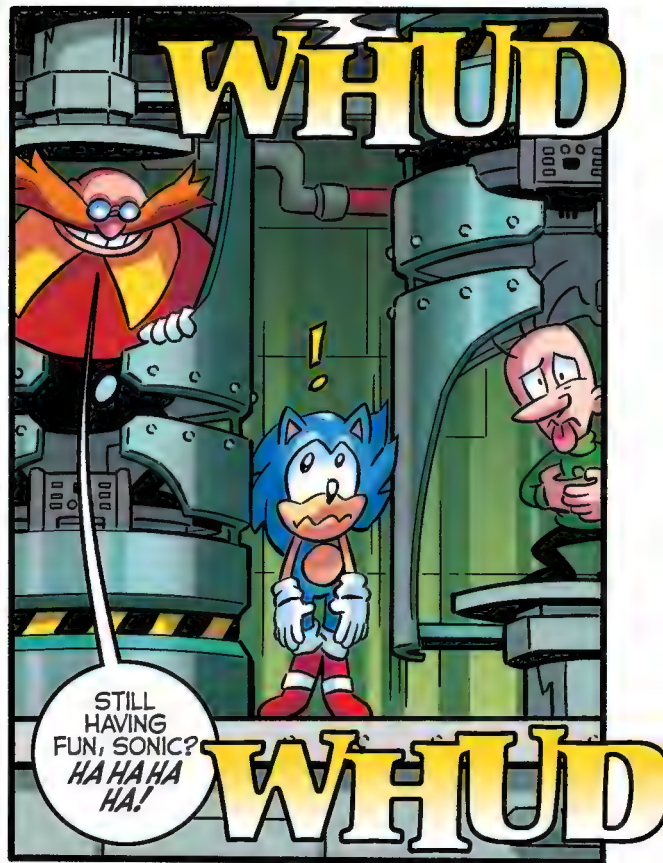
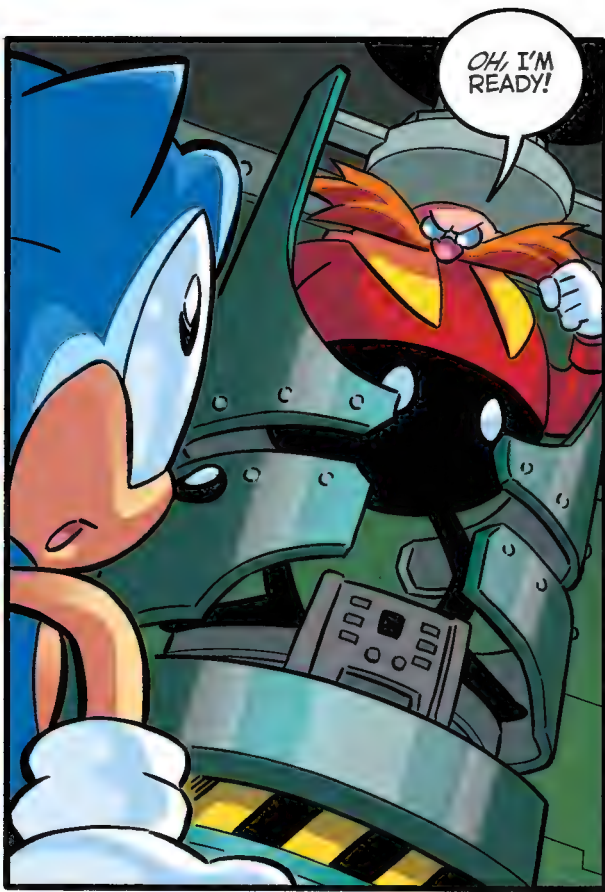


BINGO!

ALL RIGHT,
EGGMAN!
GET READY
FOR A
POUNING!



WHUD!





R-RUNNING AWAY, EGG-FACE?



KZZZZZZT



WHUD

OOH!
ANOTHER CLOSE ONE!
WAH-HA-HA-HA!





WHY, YOU LITTLE--!

URGH... DID WE GET HIM YET?!

CRACK

WHUD

BAM!

AUUGH!
NO!



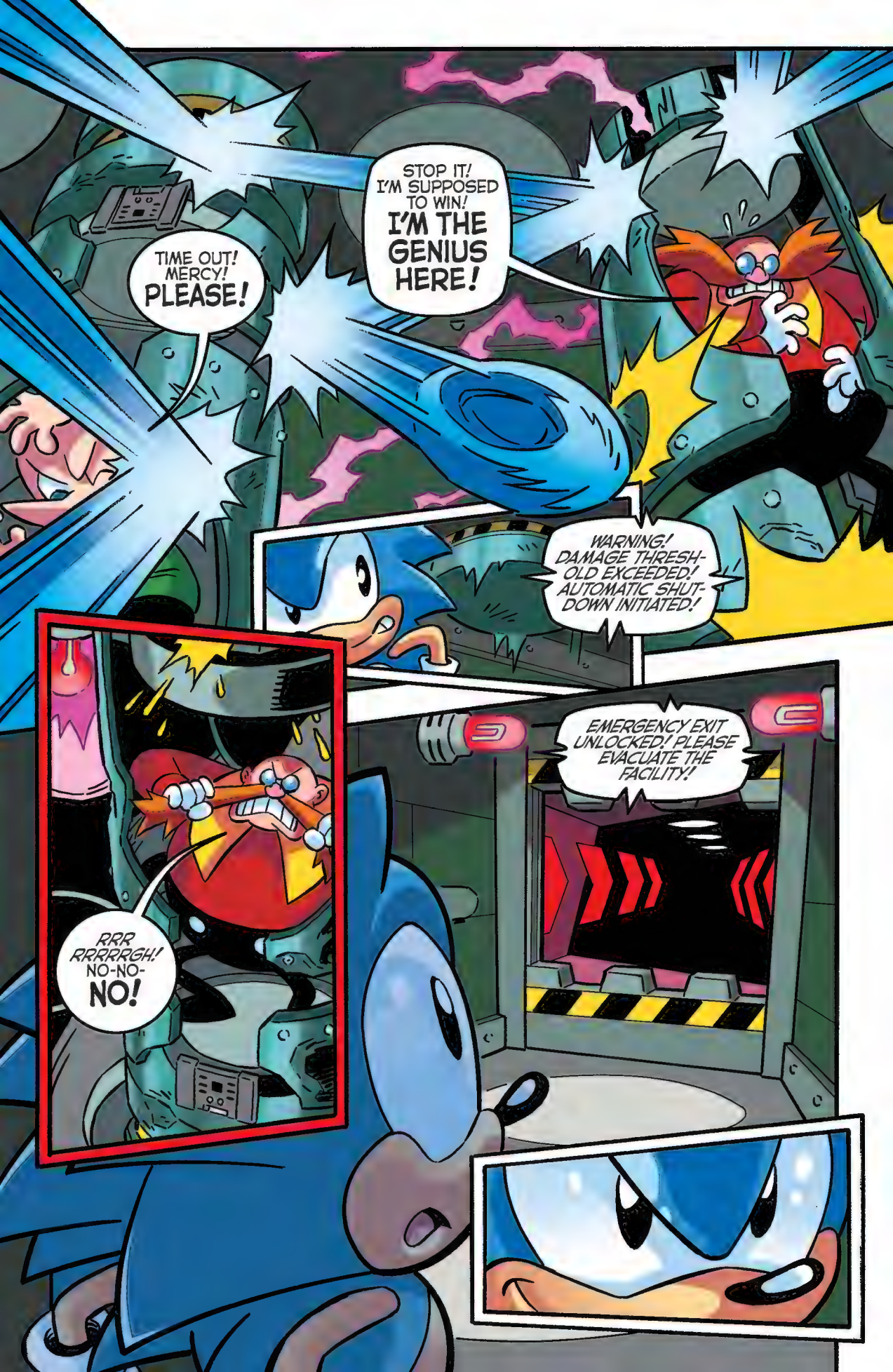
FINE!
I'M DONE
TOYING WITH
YOU!

PREPARE
TO DIE!



EEP!

CRACK!



TIME OUT!
MERCY!
PLEASE!

STOP IT!
I'M SUPPOSED
TO WIN!
I'M THE
GENIUS
HERE!

WARNING!
DAMAGE THRESH-
OLD EXCEEDED!
AUTOMATIC SHUT-
DOWN INITIATED!

RRR
RRRRGH!
NO-NO-
NO!

EMERGENCY EXIT
UNLOCKED! PLEASE
EVACUATE THE
FACILITY!

SONIC'S ANGRY EXPRESSION

CAN WE GO HOME NOW ...?

GRRR...
WE'RE HEADING BACK TO MOBOTROPOLIS. THIS ENTIRE FARCE HAS BEEN A LOST CAUSE.



WE STILL HAVE CONTROL WESTSIDE ISLAND. MAYBE THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE THERE?

DON'T TRY TO CHEER ME UP. I'M STILL MAD AT YOU.

WHY? I TOLD YOU THOSE PISTONS MADE ME--



WHAM



AHHH!
LETMEIN
LETMEIN
LETMEIN!

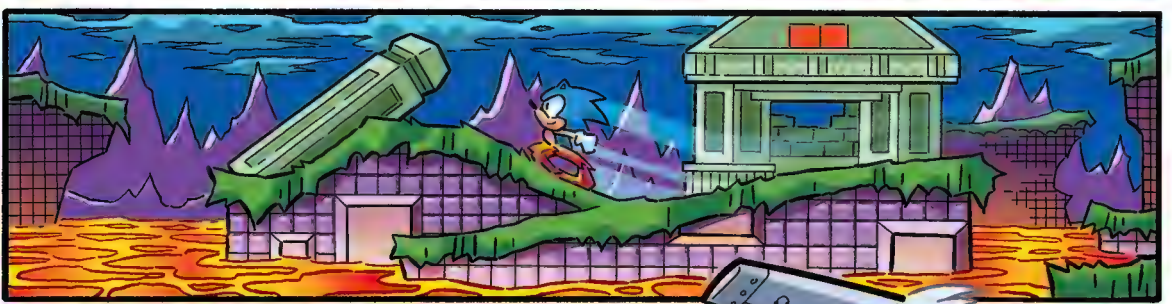
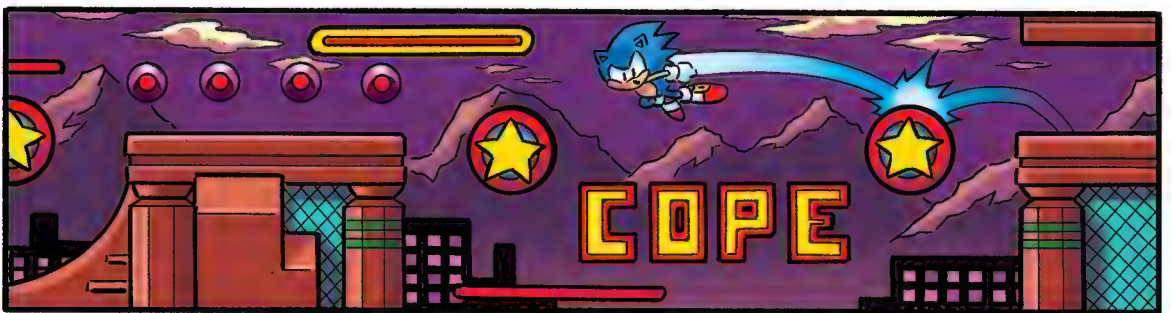
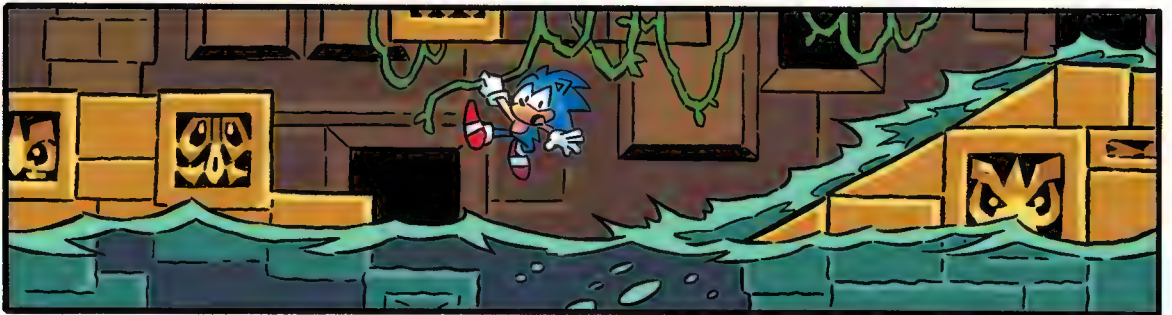
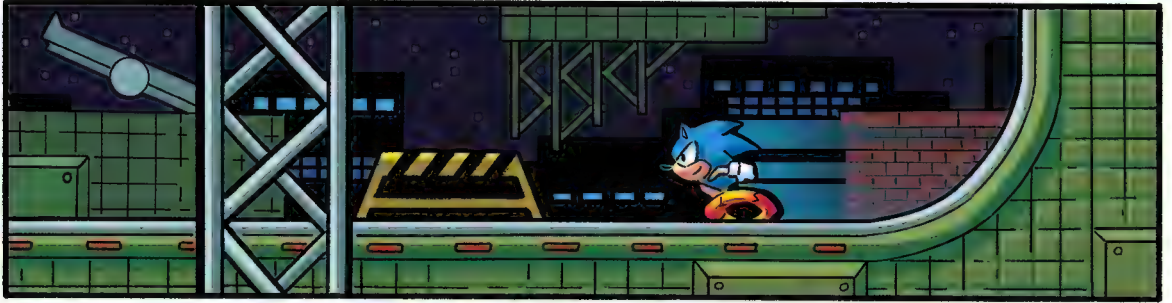
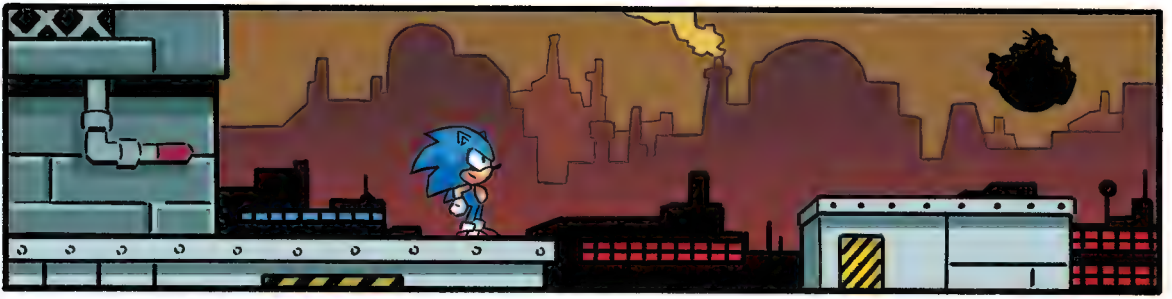
THUD



THIS ISN'T OVER, RODENT!

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT, EGGMAN!





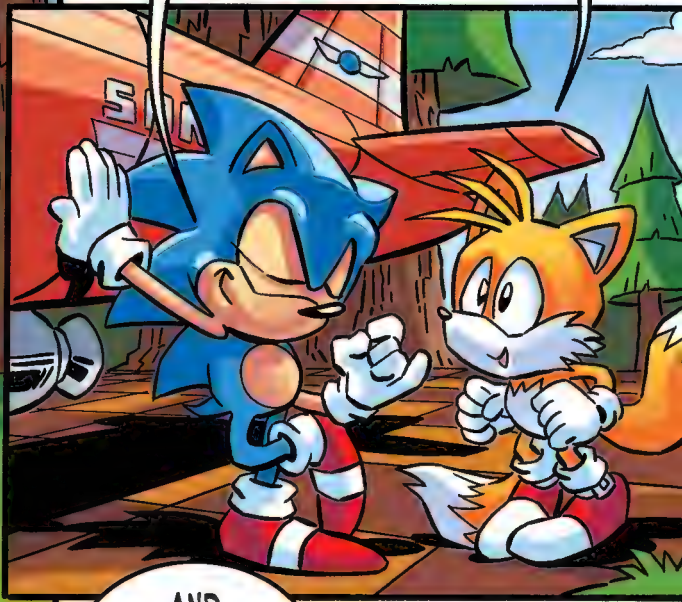
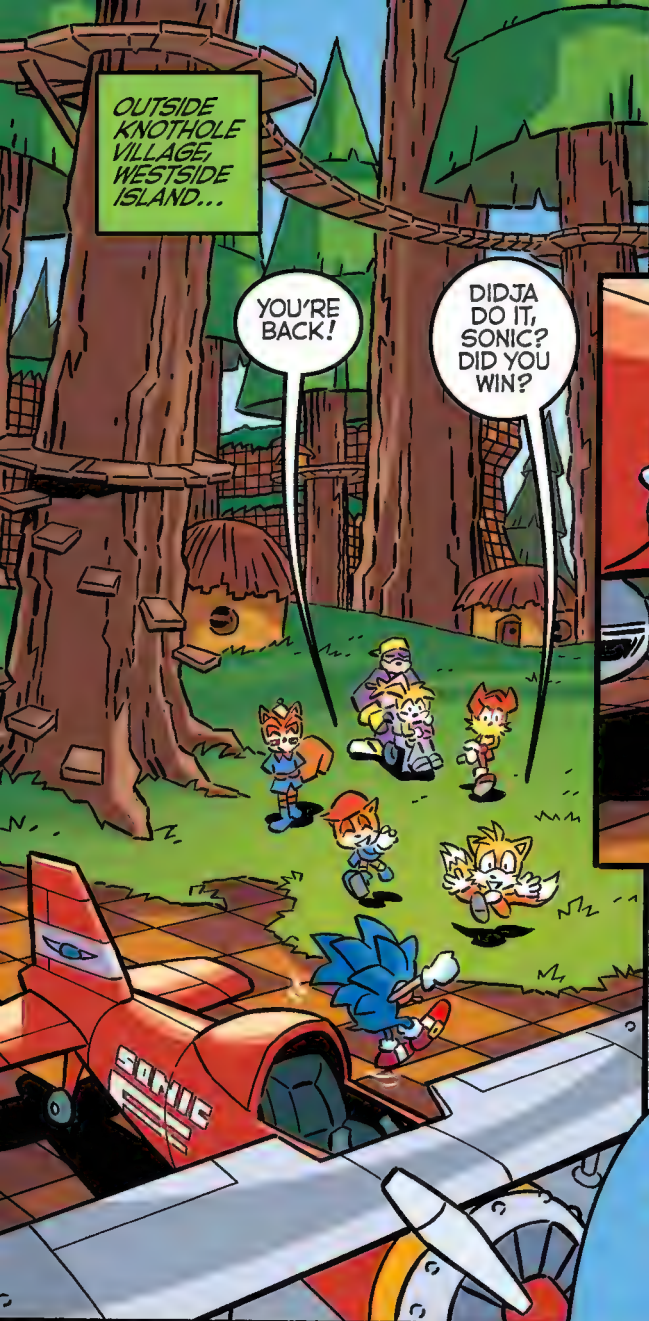
OUTSIDE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, WESTSIDE ISLAND...

YOU'RE BACK!

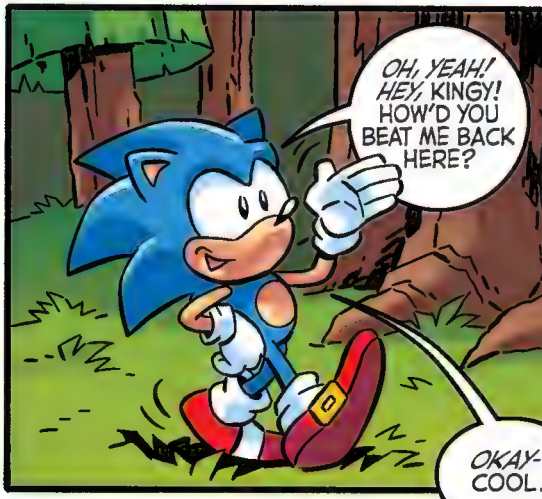
DIDJA DO IT, SONIC? DID YOU WIN?

I KICKED THAT EGGMAN'S BUTT CLEAR ACROSS SOUTH ISLAND AND SENT HIM PACKING.

YOU ARE SO COOL!



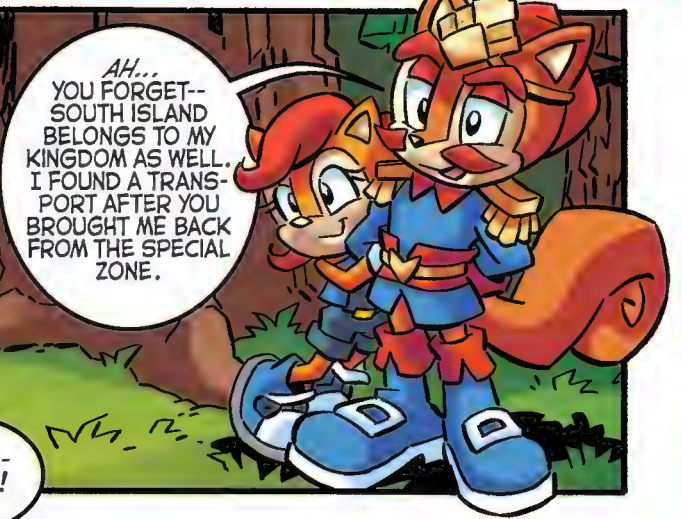
AND YOU SAVED MY DADDY! WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!



OH, YEAH! HEY, KINGY! HOW'D YOU BEAT ME BACK HERE?

OKAY-- COOL!

AH... YOU FORGET-- SOUTH ISLAND BELONGS TO MY KINGDOM AS WELL. I FOUND A TRANSPORT AFTER YOU BROUGHT ME BACK FROM THE SPECIAL ZONE.





WHAT WAS HE DOING ON SOUTH ISLAND, ANYWAY? THE CAPITAL IS HERE ON WESTSIDE ISLAND.

HE WAS DIGGING UP EVERYTHING, LOOKING FOR THESE THINGS CALLED "CHAOS EMERALDS." EXCEPT THEY WERE IN THE SPECIAL ZONE, TOO! THE WAY THE ISLAND MOVES AROUND MAKES IT EASIER TO GET IN THERE, I GUESS.



AH DON'T THINK AH'VE HEARD OF THAT ZONE...

IT'S SO WEIRD! THERE'RE THESE CRYSTAL MAZES THAT SPIN AROUND! AND THE SKY KEEPS CHANGING INTO ALL THESE SHAPES!



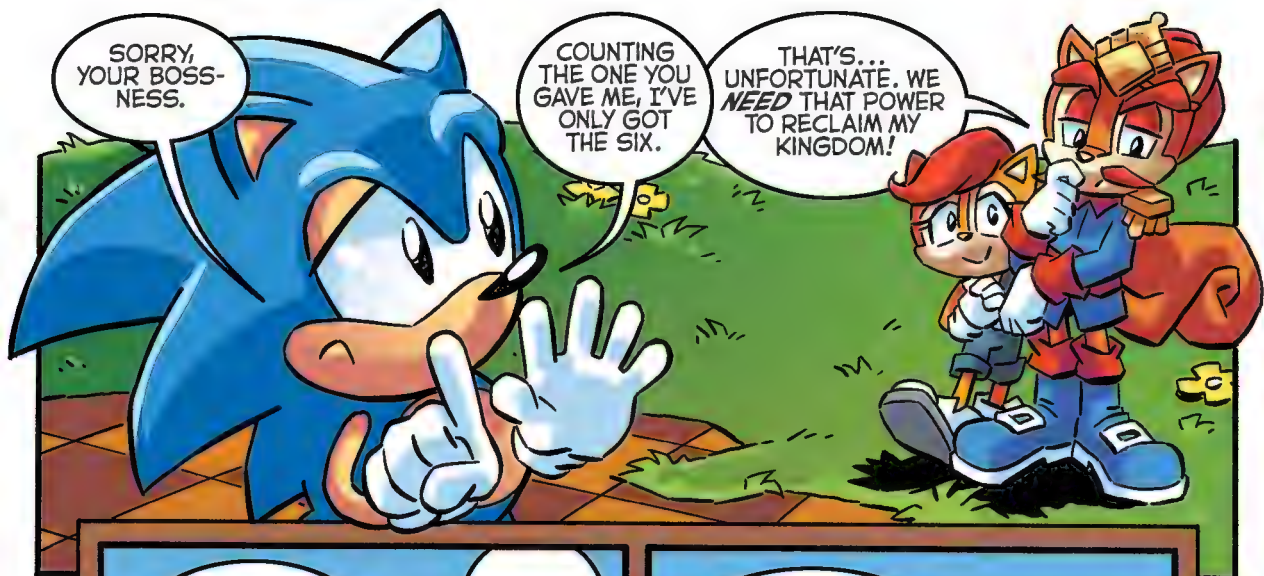
ZAT SOUNDS HORRIBLE...

NAH, MAN. I HANDLED IT. NO PROBLEM.



AH! SO THE DOCTOR WAS WASTING HIS TIME ALL ALONG. WHEN YOU FOUND ME, YOU SAID YOU'D RECOVERED FIVE OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS ALREADY. DID YOU FIND THE LAST ONE?





SORRY,
YOUR BOSS-
NESS.

COUNTING
THE ONE YOU
GAVE ME, I'VE
ONLY GOT
THE SIX.

THAT'S...
UNFORTUNATE. WE
NEED THAT POWER
TO RECLAIM MY
KINGDOM!



DON'T WORRY,
DADDY. SONIC HAS
GOTTEN US THIS
FAR! WE'LL WIN
IN THE END!

YOU...



... ARE RIGHT.
FORGIVE ME, DEAR.
ALL OF THIS EXCITE-
MENT HAS LEFT
ME... TENSE.



EXCUSE ME,
CHILDREN. I'LL
LEAVE YOU TO YOUR
PLANNING.



"WE"?
"PLANNING"?
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

YOU'RE GOING TO
TAKE BACK WESTSIDE
ISLAND NEXT, RIGHT?
WE'RE COMING WITH
YOU!

I-IF
YOU'LL
LET
US.



HA!
IF YOU
CAN KEEP
UP!

HEY! WE
MAY NOT BE
AS FAST AS
YOU...

...OR AS
COOL...

...BUT WE
CAN HELP!
I CAN DISARM
ANY TRAPS
YOU FIND!



I CAN'T ASK YOU TO FIGHT
FOR MY KINGDOM IF I WON'T
FIGHT FOR IT MYSELF!

I
ALREADY
STARTED
THE
FIGHT,
THO'.

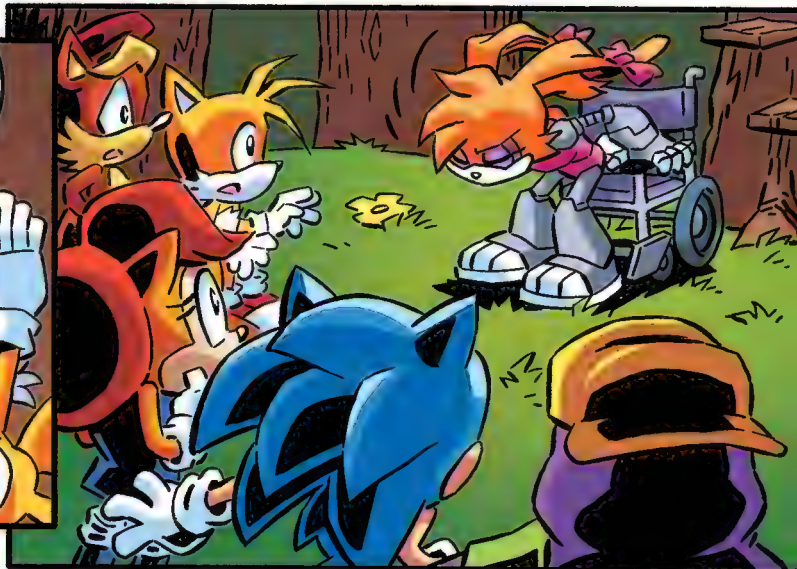
AND I SAID YOU WERE
CRAZY AND SHOULDN'T
GO FIRST. YOU PROVED
ME WRONG. SO NOW
I'M GONNA HELP. AND
NICOLE CAN HELP, TOO!


I AM
PROGRAMMED
TO ASSIST.



W-WHERE
MA P-P-PRINCESS
GOES, I A-AM
G-GOING
ALSO.

I CAN
FLY!
I CAN
HELP!





AH'M HALF ROBOT BECAUSE OF THAT FAT JERK. AND NOW THAT AH'M STANDIN', AH'M NOT GONNA SIT AGAIN. WE'RE GOIN' TO FREE WESTSIDE ISLAND WITH OR WITHOUT YOU, SUGAR-HOG.

OH, SO THAT'S HOW IT IS, HUH?

ALRIGHTY, PRINCESS. I SUPPOSE YOU'VE GOT A PLAN ON HOW TO FIGHT FOR YOUR FREEDOM?

YOU BET! TOGETHER, WE CAN BEAT THOSE AWFUL DOCTORS AND PUT MY DADDY BACK ON THE THRONE!

THEN WHY ARE WE STANDING AROUND? LET'S GO, YOU BUNCHA "FREEDOM FIGHTERS"!



Doctor Eggman's threat to South Island is **OVER--**
BUT WHAT'S HIS MASTER PLAN?
SONIC and the brand new **FREEDOM FIGHTERS**
are off to find out!

Next time, we'll take another **RETRO LOOK** into the next Classic Sonic epic!

**UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN WITH
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Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary complete with 16-bit graphics and blast processing!



IN THE BEGINNING

Hey there, Sonic comic aficionados! You may have noticed that this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Blue Blur. We here at Archie have already started our own celebrations with the extra special *Sonic: Mega Drive* one-shot comic, which I'm sure you enjoyed, but that wasn't enough!

We wanted to embrace all of the Classic Sonic goodness. The answer? "Genesis of a Hero"! Our goal is to respect the foundations of the classic series and expand upon them with fun, quick action and a bit



In Spring Yard Zone, from *Sonic 1*, words like "COPE" and "CPU" float in the background. We don't know what their purpose is. If you do, please tell us!



The original cover sketch by yours truly and the finished piece by the legendary Patrick Spaziantel! We based this cover on the ending screen from *Sonic 1*!

of background info to fill in some of those gaps in the Sonic comic history. We hope you dig it! Maybe we can do even more down the line!

Well, that's all this time. Gotta go fast!

- Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
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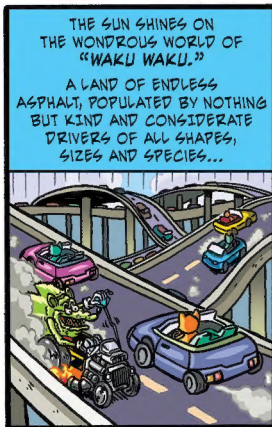
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